



CITY OF PROVIDENCE
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1	Goal Name	Increase Availability of Affordable Housing
	Goal Description	Through new construction, conversion, and/or rehabilitation of existing units, the City will use HOME and CDBG funds to increase and preserve the supply of affordable homeownership and rental housing units for City residents and households earning up to 80% of the area median income, including units with supportive services for extremely low-income and/or special needs populations. The City and partners shall facilitate homeownership through down-payment, closing cost assistance or other purchase programs.
2	Goal Name	Improve Quality of Occupied Housing Units
	Goal Description	High costs of maintenance of the City’s aging housing stock means many housing units in need of repair and rehabilitation. The City will use federal funds to offer grants and/or loans to qualifying private owners to rehabilitate property. Taking a blended “whole house” approach, these funds will be aligned with the City’s lead grant and other programs available in the City to holistically address lead, health and safety, code violations, energy efficiency, and aging-in-place in Providence properties. Improve the quality and condition of public housing, addressing needs unmet with public housing capital funds.
3	Goal Name	Reduce Homelessness
	Goal Description	In collaboration with the Consolidated Homeless Fund and the Continuum of Care, the City will use federal funds (CDBG, ESG, HOME-ARP) to ensure homelessness is brief, rare, and non-recurring through street outreach, intensive case management, operating funding for emergency shelters, and rapid re-housing assistance.
4	Goal Name	Increase Housing Stability Among People Living with HIV/AIDS
	Goal Description	The City will use federal HOPWA funds to ensure that low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) obtain and maintain stable housing through support for acquisition, rehabilitation, or new construction of housing units; costs for facility operations; rental assistance; short-term payments to prevent homelessness; and the delivery of support services including (but not limited to) assessment and case management, substance abuse treatment, mental health treatment, nutritional services, job training and placement assistance, and assistance with daily living.

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5	Goal Name	Improve Condition of Public Facilities
	Goal Description	<p>Many of the City’s public-school buildings, recreation and community centers require substantial and costly repairs. The City will leverage City funds with CDBG funds in its capital improvement planning to ensure publicly-owned buildings providing critical services are safe and welcoming.</p> <p>Additionally, the physical condition of many of the privately-owned buildings social service agencies own and operate are in significant disrepair, require updates to meet codes (such as DCYF standards), or have emergency repair needs that impact service continuity. The City will use CDBG funds to improve these facilities so that the City's low- and moderate-income populations can continue to receive needed services. Energy-efficiency improvements that bolster long-term sustainability and improvements to foster accessibility will also be prioritized.</p>
6	Goal Name	Improve Streetscapes, Sidewalks and Public Infrastructure
	Goal Description	CDBG funds will be used to improve the physical condition and functionality of the City’s streets, roads, and sidewalks, and create more options for non-automobile transportation for convenient access to community destinations and public places, whether walking, bicycling, or taking public transportation. Public infrastructure improvements will include accessibility enhancements to ensure that those with physical disabilities are able to navigate the City safely. Additionally, the City may conduct eligible public infrastructure projects including sewer and service line upgrade projects as needed to facilitate housing or commercial development.
7	Goal Name	Improve Parks and Community Green Space
	Goal Description	Neighborhood parks and green spaces can promote healthy lifestyles, community engagement and revitalization, economic development, environmental and social health. The City will support the creation of new and improvement of existing parks, open space, and sports fields. New and expanded community gardens and urban farms will provide opportunities for healthy eating and income generation for those wishing to grow and sell food.

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8	Goal Name	Provide for Basic Needs of Low/Moderate Income Persons
	Goal Description	<p>Federal funds will be used to provide for the basic, essential needs of low-income residents to address residents' social determinants of health. These essential services will be delivered to residents through community-based organizations. Services rendered shall be equitable, accessible, and culturally-sensitive to Providence populations. Priority social service programs and target populations shall include:</p> <p>Provision of child care and day care assistance to low- and moderate-income families in order to prepare young children for kindergarten, teach literacy skills, provide a safe early learning environment, and facilitate caregivers' employment.</p> <p>Educational activities and arts and cultural programs for youth that will foster their educational attainment, enhance their interest in civic life, promote pro-social behavior, and build their skills and abilities.</p> <p>Job skills and literacy training for the City's low-skilled, low-literacy, unemployed, and underemployed populations to build literacy and higher-level job skills, including adult basic education, GED preparation, workforce readiness training, and job skill development so that LMI residents will be better prepared for living wage employment opportunities.</p> <p>Provision of health and wellness activities, exercise and social activities, transportation assistance, healthcare for the uninsured and underinsured, and assistance with accessing mainstream benefits such as Medicaid, SNAP, and TANF.</p> <p>Provision of support and short-term emergency housing assistance for survivors of violence and those experiencing temporary housing instability.</p>
9	Goal Name	Facilitate Small Business Development and Growth
	Goal Description	As economic development and the creation of new living-wage jobs is one of the most efficient and effective ways to reduce poverty, CDBG funds will be used to promote the creation of new or expanded business enterprises in the City. Further, small businesses, particularly businesses owned by people of color, women and microenterprises, often lack the same access to financial services from traditional lending institutions. As such, CDBG funds will be used to provide low-barrier technical assistance programs and access to capital for businesses in the City (either through direct loans or grants to community-based organizations for programming).
10	Goal Name	Effectively Administer Programs & Promote Efficiency through Strategic Planning
	Goal Description	Allowable percentages of CDBG, HOME, HOPWA, and ESG funds will be used to administer these respective programs; to rapidly award projects and commit funds for programs; to monitor all projects, activities, and organizations, conduct proper performance evaluations of all programs; to meet all program standards; and to plan for effective projects and initiatives.

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